

Torrance, California  
December 26, 1940<sup>59</sup>

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California on Tuesday evening, December 26, 1939 at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held December 12, 1939 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from General Petroleum Corporation of California, reporting franchise earnings under Ordinance No. 179 and 781 for the period ending October 31, 1939 in the amount of \$233.98.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization, requesting that the WALTERIA Fire Station be manned twenty-four hours daily.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Levi W. Hunt, protesting against zoning to limit oil drilling on less than 40 acres owned by one owner.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be referred to the Planning Commission. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire advised that no zoning as abovementioned is contemplated.

A communication was read from Josie Sherman, 653 2nd Street, Woodland, protesting against adoption of the proposed zoning ordinance. Referred to the Planning Commission.

A communication was read from the Torrance Community Service Association, expressing gratitude for the \$76.00 contributed by the officials and employees of the City of Torrance.

A communication from the Automobile Club of Southern California, addressed to John H. Stroh, was read. A sketch was enclosed, showing the location at Arlington Avenue and 174th Street where reflectorized stop signs had been requested, and asking the City to order installation of signs.

A communication was read from John H. Stroh, recommending that the stop signs be ordered installed.

Engineer Young advised that a small fund is allocated from the 1/4¢ Gas Tax Funds for signs on 174th Street.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that installation of the sign be authorized. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1369

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE ACCEPTING GRANT DEED FROM MARY C.  
BRIGHTMAN COVERING LOTS 17, 18 AND 19 IN BLOCK  
3 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 33 MEADOW PARK TRACT.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1369 be adopted.  
Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the  
following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire,  
Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT:  
COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1370

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE APPROVING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MASTER  
PLAN OF HIGHWAYS FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Engineer Young presented the map plan pertaining to the above  
resolution, which was examined by the Council.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1370 be adopted.  
Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the  
following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire,  
Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT:  
COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Young presented and read a communication signed by  
J. W. Venable, Charles Frye and Peter Diller, requesting that Ocean  
Avenue north of Highway 101 be graded to its full width of fifty feet  
for at least one thousand feet.

After a short discussion as to the need for the improvement,  
Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be deferred for further  
investigation. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was  
carried unanimously.

Engineer Young presented a communication from the Venice Improve-  
ment Association, asking the City of Torrance to circulate petitions  
regarding the proposed construction of Alternate Highway 101 from Santa  
Monica Canyon to San Pedro. Mr. Young added that the matter is a highly  
controversial one and has been brought to the attention of the South-  
west District Highway Association.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be deferred for further  
investigation and to await a report from the Southwest District Highway  
Association. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried  
unanimously.

Councilman Powell presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 315

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE CONSENTING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PORTIONS  
OF ELENA AVENUE, REDONDO-WILMINGTON ROAD AND OTHER  
STREETS AS A COUNTY HIGHWAY.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No.  
315 be suspended. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was  
carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 315 be adopted for  
final reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was  
carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock,  
McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT:  
COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Murray stated no one had responded to the invitation of the Council to meet with the committee interested in camping and recreation facilities and announced again that any date convenient for the committee would be satisfactory with the Council.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$200.00 be made for road material for Sepulveda Boulevard from Arlington to Western Avenue. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$125.00 be appropriated for a Toro Renovating Attachment for the park machine. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$578.50 be made to purchase Lots 17, 18 and 19 in Block 3 of the Subdivision of Lot 33 Meadow Park Tract in WALTERIA for library purposes. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

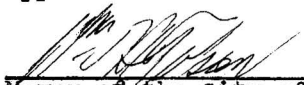
Engineer Young reported he had heard nothing from the Edison Company as yet regarding installation of a sodium vapor light at the General Petroleum Corporation Refinery entrance..

Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:15 P. M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

  
City Clerk of the city of Torrance

Approved:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance